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## WAR IN CHINA.

### NO NEWS FROM IMPRISONED CHRISTIANS.

London, June 20, 3 a. m.—"The Russian relieving force arrived outside of Pekin this morning," says the Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Express, "and immediately began to attack the city on two sides, employing numerous artillery."

"The force apparently arrived in the nick of time, for the Chinese assert that the attack upon the legation had been successfully renewed. On the night of June 16 the Chinese troops under Gens Tung Fah Siang and Tung Ching, attacked the legations and set on fire five European buildings. Nothing definite is known as to the result except that the Chinese were disappointed although reports, utterly discredited by foreigners here, are that the Chinese, infuriated by the destruction of Taku, have since massacred all the foreigners in Pekin."

A modified version of these rumors received at Berlin is that the French as well as the German minister has been killed.

The English at Shanghai think the Chinese had foreign advice in organizing the defenses at Taku because of the precision with which their attack was delivered.

The wires connecting with the harbor mines were cut by the boats of the warship the night before the bombardment. It is now reported at Shanghai that it was on board the Russian cruiser Korietz and not the Mandour, that the explosion occurred, killing and wounding more than 50. It is reported that no fewer than 700 Chinese were killed in the forts.

The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Express says he is officially informed that Japan is mobilizing 25,000 men for immediate transport. The whole fleet of the Lippon Yusei Kaisha (Japanese Merchant Shipping company) has been chartered.

The British cruiser Undaunted arrived at Shanghai yesterday, cleared for action and took up a position commanding the Chinese forts. There are three Chinese cruisers in the harbor.

The new Chinese cruiser Hai Yang, built by the Armstrongs, has been taken into custody at Taku by the British and Russians.

At Yum Nan Fu, where the rising has been gathering force for several days 680 Christians have been attacked at the French mission settlement, many being put to death. The French consul and three missionaries are still in prison.

The disorderly elements have secured the upper hand at Wu Hu and Szehuan, where the native Christians have been massacred.

A thousand Boxers have gathered on the outskirts of Tien Tsin

The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily News, telegraphing yesterday, says: "The Chinese officials here assert that they have news from Pekin up to June 17. The situation was then very strong. Beyond that they claim to have received nothing but they deny that dispatches have been withheld."

"Although I am not willing to adopt the alarmist reports, my impression, gathered from the consuls and the Chinese authorities is that the worst is to be feared in Pekin."

"Admiral Seymour's column is now in the middle of an arid plain, with no food and no good water and surrounded by hostile forces."

A dispatch from Shanghai announces that the United States transport, Thomas, with troops for Manila, was diverted at Nagasaki and has arrived at Taku with 1,200 men.

The Shanghai correspondent of The Times, telegraphing yesterday, says: "The British flag is reported to have been flying yesterday over the south gate of Pekin. This is presumed to indicate the arrival of Admiral Seymour."

### Wait Whitman in It.

State Chairman Willie Jones announces that Mr. Wait Whitman has paid his assessment and having filed his pledge in ample time will be permitted to join the State campaign party and have any votes cast for him for governor or counted. Mr. Whitman expects to join the party soon.—The State.

## Anarchy Spreading in China

### Powers Haven't Yet Grasped Situation in China.

London, June 21, 3.30 a. m.—The reports of Admiral Seymour's arrival at Pekin and of the safety of the foreign legations, originating from Chinese sources and cabled to this city from Shanghai, are still unverified. However, the Italian consul at Shanghai has wired to the Italian foreign minister, Marquis Visconti Venosta, that the legations are safe.

The rebellion is spreading far and wide. There is an impression in diplomatic circles here and on the continent that the allies have not yet grappled with the situation effectively, and that even 50,000 troops would be powerless to control 4,000,000 square miles.

The latest story sent out by the Shanghai gossips is that Prince Tuan, president of the Tung yi yamen, has burned the imperial palace at Pekin and murdered the emperor, and that the empress dowager has committed suicide.

The effect of the bombardment of the Taku forts, as described by the Shanghai correspondents, was gory in the extreme, nothing less than "rivers of blood," and "mutilated corpses piled inside the forts."

The Russians guarding Tien Tsin, according to another report, fired artillery and rifles, on June 15, at a range of 50 yards into dense crowds of attacking Boxers and killed 300.

Japan, according to a dispatch to The Daily Mail from Yokohama, intends to land an expedition at Foo Chow.

### SEYMOUR REACHES PEKIN.

London, June 20.—A news agency dispatch from Shanghai dated June 20 says: "After an arduous march and frequent fighting with the Chinese, Vice Admiral Seymour arrived at Pekin Sunday afternoon. On five occasions the Chinese attacked the column in great force. There were many mounted men among the Chinese, but most of the natives were badly armed. At times they fought with admirable courage and bravery. The losses of the Chinese during the march are estimated at 500 killed. The losses of the foreigners were trifling."

"The exact state of affairs inside Pekin, it is impossible to describe, in view of the many conflicting reports, nothing having been received from the legations or foreigners there."

"Surprise is expressed at the fact that a large force of Indian troops has not been ordered here."

### WORD FROM KEMPF

Washington, June 20.—The navy department has just given out the following statement regarding the contents of a dispatch from Admiral Kempf, brought from Taku to Chefoo and forwarded by commander Tausig of the Yorktown: "The department has received a cablegram from Admiral Kempf dated June 20. He says the Taku forts were captured by the other foreign forces; that heavy firing was heard at Tien Tsin on the evening of the 17th. He is making common cause with the foreign powers for general protection. There are 300 Americans ashore. On May 31 the number of foreign troops at Pekin was 430. There are 6,000 men ashore now at Chefoo and about 3,000 troops, Russian, German and English have just arrived."

### CONSUL FOWLER ACTS

Washington June 20.—A cablegram was received at the State department this morning from United States Consul Fowler at Chefoo. Its contents, as described at the State department, were as follows:

Consul Fowler says that he had transmitted by the Phoenix, (probably a chartered vessel,) all the communications that have accumulated there for Minister Conger and Admiral Kempf, there being no communication northward except naval.

He has also chartered a small steamer leaving Chefoo today at noon for Yang Chi Kang for the rescue of American and British missionaries.

The French consul from the northwest region of Shan Tung reports that the Hogan British mission at Tsang Chow has been looted. It is not reported any of the missionaries were killed, but they were carried off by the Chinese general and their whereabouts is at present unknown. The governor has left Cheoaog, the capital for Tchow, a point nearer the coast.

Chinese ships have left for the south. Troops are leaving. Nothing has been heard at Chefoo about the Pekin force for six days.

### Nothing Yet From Pekin or Admiral Seymour.

London, June 22, 3.30 a. m.—The United States gunboat Monocacy was two miles up the Pei Ho river when the international fleet began the bombard-

ment of Taku forts. According to the Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Express, she was shot through the bows. The correspondent says that Chinese riflemen on both banks of the river attacked her but unsuccessfully.

The scantiness of authentic news with reference to the situation continues. Admiral Kempf's dispatch to the United States navy department announcing that Tien Tsin is being bombarded was prominently used by the London papers and commented upon as indicating a change for the worse.

A dispatch to The Associated Press from Shanghai dated yesterday, says: "The consuls met today to consider the situation which, in the absence of news from Pekin, is looked upon as particularly threatening. Grave fears still exist as to the safety of the Europeans in Pekin."

The stoppage of trade has thrown 10,000 Coolies out of work at Shanghai. All the English ladies at Tien Tsin left there Saturday by a train for Taku. Shanghai wires that they had some exciting experiences and would not have gotten through except for the assistance of the Chinese troops. The Boxers made several desperate attempts to attack the train. Taking advantage of the political disorders, bands of robbers are pillaging in the vicinity of Sam Chun. The Chinese authorities are powerless.

Precautions have been taken to prevent disturbances in British territory. The explanation given at Hongkong of the failure of Li Hung Chang to go to Pekin is that there is a rising on the border of the Kow Low Hinterland.

The Singapore correspondent of The Daily Express, telegraphing yesterday, says: "Kang Yu Wei, the reformer, asserts that Russian agents precipitated, if they did not entirely organize the present disturbances for purely Russian purposes."

A dispatch to The Daily Telegraph from Shanghai says that the missionaries from Tsang Chou have safely arrived at Wei Hei Wei.

The Shanghai correspondent of The Times says: "Great destruction was caused by the Boxers in the native quarter of Tien Tsin on June 15th, but the presence of the foreign troops in the foreign settlement protected that. The native press asserts that there are bitter dissensions in the Manchu party."

### ALLIED FORCES WAITING.

London, June 21, 3.40 p. m.—The admiralty has received the following dispatch from Rear Admiral Bruce:

Taku, via Chefoo, June 21. "No communication from the commander-in-chief in seven days or from Tien Tsin in five days. The allies hold the Taku forts and Tong Ku securely and they will advance to the relief of Tien Tsin when in sufficient strength."

"Troops are expected from Hongkong tomorrow and 300 from Wei Hei Wei the following day. It is believed that fighting is constantly proceeding around Tien Tsin. Our garrison there should be about 3,000 men."

The following proclamation was agreed to this morning to be issued forthwith:

"The admirals and senior naval officers of the allied powers in China desire to make known to all viceroyalties and authorities along the coast and rivers and in the cities and provinces of China that they intend to use armed force only against the Boxers and people that may oppose them on their march to Pekin for the rescue of their fellow-countrymen."

The date that the above dispatch was sent off from Taku is not given, but it is probably June 19th.

### TIENTSIN BEING BOMBARDED

Washington, June 21.—Acting Secretary of the Navy Hackett received a cable message this afternoon from Admiral Kempf, dated Chefoo, June 21, saying that Tien Tsin is being bombarded and that the American consulates as well as foreign concessions are being destroyed. A relief party is enroute to Tien Tsin including 130 American marines under Maj Waller.

### SEYMOUR HAS ARRIVED AT PEKIN.

Berlin, June 21.—A semi official dispatch from Tokio dated June 21, says the Japanese consul at Shanghai confirms the reports that Vice Admiral Seymour has arrived at Pekin and that the members of diplomatic corps are safe.

According to an official Japanese report from Chefoo, the foreign settlement at Tien Tsin was reduced to ashes June 18.

### MATERIAL IMPROVEMENT.

Paris, June 21.—The minister of foreign affairs, M. Delcasse, replying in the chamber of deputies today to a request for the latest news from China, said he had received a dispatch dated June 20, saying that the legations and foreigners at Pekin were safe and sound June 16.—He added that a dispatch had just arrived from the French consul at Yun Nan Fu, dated June 19, saying the

Chinese authorities were at last realizing their responsibilities and that he would probably be able to leave. This dispatch ended with the words: "A material improvement in the situation exists."

### ENCOURAGING.

Washington, June 21.—The developments of the day, apart from those at Tien Tsin greatly encouraged the officials here in their hope that the worst is past in China and that the difficulty can be settled without any very serious change of the political status of the country, at least in its relations with the outer world. The state department is much gratified with the attitude of the powers. So far as it is informed, there is no difference of opinion or intention among the different powers respecting the Chinese situation. Their object is simply to restore peace, protect life and property; and leave all further questions for future settlement. So far as can be gathered there is not a dissenting voice among the powers in answer to the proposition made by the United States to limit the operations of the foreign armies and navies in China to that simple programme, and if there is a contrary purpose entertained anywhere, the particular power has not signified that fact.

### No News From Pekin and Situation Grows Worse Daily.

London, June 23.—The silence of Pekin continues unbroken. Four thousand men of the allied forces were having sharp, defensive fighting at Tien Tsin Tuesday and Wednesday with a prospect of being reinforced Thursday. This is the situation in China as set forth in the British government dispatch.

"Eight hundred Americans are taking part in the fighting at Tien Tsin," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, cabling last evening, "and they apparently form a part of a supplementary force, arriving with Germans and British after the conflict started. It is impossible to estimate the number of the Chinese there, but they had a surprising number of guns."

This information appears to have been brought by the United States gunboat Nashville to Chefoo and telegraphed to Shanghai. The Chinese are deserting Shanghai in large numbers and going into the interior. Reports from native sources continue to reach Shanghai of anarchy in Pekin. According to these tales the streets are filled day and night with Boxers who are wholly beyond the control of the Chinese troops and who are working themselves up to a frenzy and clamoring for the death of all foreigners.

The English consulate at Shanghai is said to have received from influential natives reports of a tragedy in the palace at Pekin, but precisely what, is not defined. The consulate thinks that Admiral Seymour, commander of the international relief column, was misled by information from Pekin and consequently underestimated the difficulties in his way and the Chinese power of resistance with Maxim guns and Mausers.

The consuls at Shanghai believe the foreigners at Pekin still safe, although Japanese reports received at Shanghai allege that up to June 15, one hundred foreigners had been killed in Pekin.

The Daily Express says: "We understand that Reginald Thomas Tower, secretary of the British embassy in Washington, is to succeed Sir Claude Macdonald at Pekin and that the reason of Sir Claude's recall is the break down of his health."

A special dispatch from Vienna says: "Li Hung Chang has wired the various Chinese legations in Europe directing them to inform the government to which they are accredited that he is called to Pekin by the empress to act as intermediary between China and the powers to negotiate a settlement of the points at issue, and he instructs them to beg the powers to facilitate his mission by ceasing to send troops to China."

Cheng, director general of telegraphs, wires from Shanghai to the Chinese legations in Europe that the foreign legations in Pekin are safe.

It is reported that the British government will immediately send 1,200 marines to China and possibly, according to some of the morning papers, 10,000 of the regulars now with Lord Roberts.

Lord Salisbury presided this morning at a meeting of the cabinet, specially summoned to consider the far eastern crisis. Prior to the meeting, the French ambassador M. Paul Cambon, and the Chinese minister, Sir Chih Chen Lo Feng Juh, paid a lengthy visit to the officials of the foreign office and it is expected that important developments will be the outcome of the cabinet conference.

as Lord Salisbury proceeded to Windsor after the meeting.

A Shanghai dispatch reports that Tien Tsin was bombarded for two days, that the casualties were 100, that 5,000 international troops are there and that now allied commanders at Taku are hastily pushing forward a relief column, it is hoped that the worst apprehensions will soon be dispelled.

Another Shanghai dispatch announces that all the members of the foreign community of Pei Tai Ho have arrived at Chefoo on board the Nashville but that they left all their possessions behind them.

A dispatch to the Associated Press from Shanghai under this afternoon's date, says five Chinese warships passed Woo Sung today and that officers of the British armored cruiser, Undaunted, visited the Chinese commanding officer and received an assurance that the ships were under orders to act against any Boxer rising.

The superintendent of foreign telegraphs has started to Chefoo to organize a service thence to Shanghai.

It is understood the admiralty has received a dispatch from the British naval commander in Chinese waters on the subject of the heavy damage done to the foreign concessions at Tien Tsin and the casualties of the international forces. This has not yet been published.

The admiralty sent orders to Portsmouth and Plymouth this morning to hold detachments of marine, artillery and infantry in instant readiness for services in China.

### TROOPS LEAVE MANILA FOR CHINA TODAY.

Washington, June 22.—The only news from China laid before the cabinet meeting today was a telegram to the secretary of the navy, giving the movements of vessels in Chinese waters. The text of the message, however, was not made public. That the president and the members of the cabinet regard the situation in China as extremely critical is shown by the fact that preliminary preparations are being made to send forward additional troops in case of need.

A telegram was sent to Gen MacArthur this afternoon asking him how large a force he can spare should it become necessary to send them to China. No answer to this inquiry is expected before tomorrow, when instructions may be sent to have transports and troops in readiness in anticipation of orders to sail.

The administration is endeavoring to stimulate the dispatch of troops and naval reinforcements to China to meet the emergency at Tien Tsin. Reports that have been received over night at the navy department but which are temporarily withheld from publication are, it is believed, confirmatory of the reports from Europe of the need of reinforcements for the international forces at Tien Tsin.

Shanghai, June 22.—The American consul at Chefoo writes that the Nashville from Taku is bringing 33 Americans from Pei Tai Ho.

Nashville, Tenn., June 22.—The board of missions of the Presbyterian church today received a dispatch from Frank Price dated Kashentz, China, June 21, stating that the mid-China stations were quiet.

### Has Been Postponed.

Yesterday afternoon the executive committee of the State press association held an important meeting in this city. The meeting was called to consider the advisability of postponing the annual meeting and trip of the association until after the State campaign and primary in view of the fact that all newspaper men are kept busy in campaign years. The committee decided after a brief discussion to postpone the annual meeting at Harris Springs until Monday, Sept. 18. On that day the sessions will begin, continuing through the Wednesday following. On Thursday the members will leave, via the Seaboard Air Line, for Virginia Beach, the point selected for the annual trip.

The complete programme will be shortly issued giving details of the annual meeting and the trip.—The State, June 22.

Philadelphia, June 19.—The elevator in the hotel Walton fell seven stories at midnight to night and injured five of the passengers and the elevator boy. The two passengers most seriously hurt are J. C. Pringley, a delegate from Oklahoma, and Brenton F. Hall, a delegate from Michigan.

## Sensational Jumps

### in Cotton and Wheat.

### Cotton Advances 44 Points, Receding on Immense Sales

New York, June 20.—Today's cotton market started off as a most peaceable affair, but developed into one of the most exciting in many months. Whereas last night's prices were current at the opening, by mid-afternoon a sheer advance of 25 to 44 points was scored. Southern, foreign and local shorts were panic stricken and made frantic efforts to cover. The condition of affairs was made doubly precarious by an enormous investment demand from all quarters. The bull movement was based on bad weather news and very discouraging crop accounts from all parts of the belt. Later a heavy break followed under realizing with the excitement throughout the last hour intense. Bulls were in control nevertheless and predicted 9 cents for August cotton before the close of the week.

Anticipation of strong Liverpool cables in the morning and fears of another batch of bad crop news prevented a bull reaction. The market closed steady at a net advance of 16 to 30 points, as against the great advance, 36 to 47 points. Speculation was the heaviest on record, the total sales reaching over 1,000,000 bales, the greater portion of which changed hands in the last two hours.

### THE ADVANCE IN WHEAT.

Chicago, June 20.—Wheat had another sensational advance in price today. July sold up to 81½, 3½ higher than the closed yesterday and close at the top. There was an enormous trade. An estimate puts the amount which changed at 30,000,000 bushels. Many who had bought at a lower price took out fortunes in profits. The extremely grave situation in the northwest was the influence in the advance. Reports from that section today were that the crop should be practically ruined by the lack of rain.

Today's closing prices are the highest for wheat since the collapse of the Leiter deals.

### McSweeney Was Right.

It is charged in some quarters that Mr. Patterson is brought out and supported by Col. Robert Aldrich to beat McSweeney because of the governor's refusal to pardon the white bigamist Pons, Col. Aldrich's client.

It is not credible that so small a matter as a refusal to pardon a convict should have so great a result as this is alleged to have. It is probable, though, that there is some opposition to McSweeney on this account. There have been several determined and strong efforts to get the governor to pardon Pons, and strong influences have been brought to bear on him to this end; but he has persistently refused, and we understand has said positively that Pons must serve out his sentence, which was really very light, considering his offense.

Pons, if we remember correctly, was a railroad contractor from Florida, who married a young lady of character and standing in Barwell county while he had a wife living. The evidence was incontrovertible, and he pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to imprisonment and fine. We forget the time, but think it was two years. It was certainly under a hundred, any man who gets less than a rope or life imprisonment for such an offense ought to consider himself lucky.

The News is not advocating Mr. McSweeney for governor, but cheerfully commends him for his course in the Pons matter. It certainly ought not to lose him any votes in South Carolina. In that respect he has undoubtedly done his duty.—Greenville News.

### A. C. Jones Withdraws.

Special to the Daily Item. Columbia, S. C., June 22.—A. C. Jones, of Newberry, who entered the campaign as a candidate for United States senator, has withdrawn from the race, and his withdrawal has been accepted by the committee and his money refunded.

This leaves Senator Tillman without opposition.

A. Kohn.

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